

From: [Ohio Power Siting Board](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: comment 16-0253 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0GHVZW:ref]
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 12:09:26 PM

My name is Carol Conover and I live in Evendale on 3254 LaMarc Trail, Cincinnati, OH 45241.

This is less than 1 mile from the proposed green route. I work in Reading Ohio and my office is less than 1500 feet from the proposed green route. Five days a week I go to the Tri-Health fitness pavilion to rehab from an injury. This is right next to the proposed red route. Two days a week during the school year I pick my grandchildren up from school, I drive down Kenwood Road past Kenwood Mall. Again right along the proposed red route. Either proposal puts my family in close proximity to the risks of a high pressure pipeline.

I understand the appointees are new. I hope that you see your job is to balance need and public safety with power requirements, not to help corporations promote unnecessary growth or improve their profits and dividends for shareholders. Please take that job seriously and investigate the need for and placement of a transmission pipeline in a highly populated area. Don't just take the word of Duke energy. This is the company that allowed toxic coal ash to spill into the Dan River in 2014. They were fined millions of dollars for their destruction to the environment. They did not learn from this, in 2018 hurricane Florence spilled their coal ash into the Cape Fear River. For years we have seen hurricanes produce higher and higher amounts of rain. Duke was not proactive in preventing this spill.

Duke maintains they can maintain this high-pressure pipeline safely. Perhaps in a perfect world they could but we do not live in a perfect world. Storms, accidents and natural disasters happen routinely in our not so perfect world. Please investigate their claims for need and the location before you allow them to build a pipeline through a densely populated area; our homes, our businesses, our schools, our places of worship, our stores, and our roads.

Thank you,

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Subject: Case#16-0253-GA-BTX. Does anyone read this?

Dear Members of the OPSB,

I have written several times about my concerns about Duke's proposed Central Corridor Pipeline Extension project (OPSB Case #16-0253-GA-BTX). I am extremely concerned about the process so far and I have sent a similar correspondence to the Governor that I am sending you today.

The OPSB public hearing was held in Cincinnati on March 21 and, like the previous June 2017 meeting, not one member of the OPSB was present. I and others had written to members encouraging them to attend, and it seems our emails were not even read because several of us got an identical response from one member who told us about the hearing! If the voting OPSB members cannot even take the time to read a short email, how can we believe they will take the time to listen to the five hours of public testimony that they missed, much less the more than five hours of testimony from two years ago? And yet you are going to vote on a project you know little about except from a poorly researched staff report that relied totally on Duke's arguments, but never investigated the credible arguments that challenged the need for the project, nor the total lack of consideration of public convenience, impact and safety.

I ask the Board to conduct a thorough, unbiased investigation of this project, and if they cannot, delegate that to an outside, unbiased party. Otherwise, this is a glaring example of regulatory capture, and is an illegitimate process.

Sincerely,

Ann Chisko 

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March 18, 2019

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OPSB Case Number: 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Ms. Stevenson,

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Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX
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March 19, 2019

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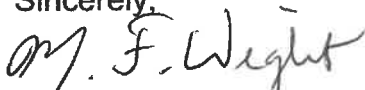
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Margaret F. Wight

To: M. Beth Trombold, Member, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

From: Miriam Warshauer Cohen

84 Carpenters Ridge

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Please help us stop this unnecessary project that will endanger the citizens of Hamilton County!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Miriam Warshauer-Cohen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

March 18, 2019

Governor Mike DeWine

M. Beth Trombold, PUCO Chair

Lydia Milhalik, Director OH Developmental Services

Amy Acton, MD, Interim Director OH Dept of Health

Dorothy Pelanda, Director OH Dept of Agriculture

Laurie Stevenson, Director OH EPA

Mary Mertz, Director OH DNR

**Attn: Governor Mike DeWine and members of the OPSB;
ref. Case #16-253-GA-BTX**

I am a member of NOPE and a long time resident of Blue Ash living at Sycamore Trace neighborhood.

The two proposed high pressure gas pipelines, would be going thru residential neighborhoods, hospitals, schools, parks, municipal buildings, shopping malls, medical offices, and other high population areas.

The pipeline would not only be dangerous to the areas that it is installed, but the blast zone could affect anyone within approximately 1/3 mile.

Duke Energy prefers the orange route, which will go down Blue Ash Rd., across Montgomery-Kenwood area, and affect Mercy Jewish Hosp., Kenwood Towne Center, several medical offices, etc..

The OPSB prefers the green route, which will be in close proximity to Summit Park in Blue Ash, an area where many families constantly enjoy the park and the children's activities. The pipeline will continue down Glendale-Milford Rd., affecting many residential properties, and then turn down Reading Rd. and be near the Marge Schott Boy Scouts Center, several homes, and businesses.

NEITHER ROUTE IS PREFERRED BY THE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE AND ENJOY THESE AREAS.

There have been multiple nationwide failures of this type of pipeline. It has been proven that the local areas in Hamilton County do not need the natural gas this pipeline would supply.

1. **Need not proven** - Duke has not provided sufficient evidence that a massive new pipeline is necessary to meet the needs of customers. Additionally, the Central Corridor Pipeline does not address Duke's stated need of "system balance".
2. **Inadequate investigation** - The recently released OPSB Staff Report was not an independent, in-depth evaluation of Duke's application, did not include an assessment of available alternatives for addressing Duke's "need", and failed to consider human safety as part of "public convenience" and "environment"..
3. **Safety not addressed** - Those who live or spend time near the pipeline routes have very valid concerns about the safety of Duke's transmission line through these High Consequence Areas. Pipelines fail all of the time and safety precautions are inadequate and unreliable, particularly in the context of this project. Finally, people are frustrated and angry that Duke and OPSB have trivialized concerns rather than addressing them.

In addition to the extreme safety hazards, there will be destruction of green space areas, wildlife, and decreasing property values. And all of us, will be paying for this massive, un-necessary project.

Since Duke Energy has not justified the need for this new pipeline, then where would the natural gas be used? The propane peak stations have been upgraded, so more natural gas would not be needed. Duke Energy has not addressed the safety concerns and proper monitoring of joints and valves.

I realize all of you are newly appointed members, and could be influenced by the power of Duke Energy staff. I would suggest that each one of you, take a look at the areas for the proposed pipeline. Drive by the schools, parks, hospitals, community centers, and homes along the route. Investigate the potential safety hazards, and the need for this massive pipeline.

**Then, you will realize what our concerns are, and
REJECT THIS GAS PIPELINE PROPOSAL.**

Thank you very much.

**Alvin Denenberg
9558 Heather Court
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Ms Trombold -
Would you want this high pressure
gas pipeline in your neighborhood?

March 16, 2019

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180 East Broad Street
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Reference case number 16-0253-GA-BTX, Duke Energy proposed Central Corridor Pipeline

Dear Ms. Trombold,

My name is Denise Conroy and I am a resident of Evendale, Ohio. My home is located off Glendale Milford Road, which is a proposed Green pipeline route for Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline.

As a member of the Ohio Power Siting Board, you are in a position to assure that Duke's application (Ref# 16-0253-GA-BTX) is critically and carefully reviewed. As you have stated in June of 2018, you cannot lose sight of the fact that what YOU do affects everyone in Ohio.

I will highlight some of the key points regarding Duke's application and why I request the Ohio Power Siting Board to reject BOTH Duke's proposed routes.

My first point is regarding the seemingly lack of discipline to the OPSB process. The lack of full disclosure to the public and the poor level of due diligence by Duke, the OPSB staff and the OPSB. The OPSB staff failed to conduct a thorough, independent investigation of assertions and information included in Duke's application. We cannot rely of the accuracy and completeness of Duke's application to investigate and evaluate the proposed need and routes. Duke quite naturally is putting forth only data that supports their efforts and interests. Please encourage the OPSB staff to seek additional data and information from sources outside of Duke's application.

On June 15, 2017, the OPSB held a Public Hearing. No members of the OPSB were present at that public hearing. Did you or any of your members watch the hours of testimony objecting to Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline? If you have not watched the testimony, I encourage you to do so and also to attend the next Public Hearing scheduled for March 21, 2019. It is critical that we all use data and inputs from all sources!

My second point addresses the need for a new route and right of way. Duke has clearly stated the need and plan to replace/upgrade Line A in the near future. Since they already have a right-of-way along Line A and will be incurring the expense of construction along Line A, why not install parallel lines to reduce construction cost, reduce impact to the environment and communities. Decreased demand and decreased population in the area served by this proposed pipeline do not support the need for the proposed Central Corridor Pipeline.

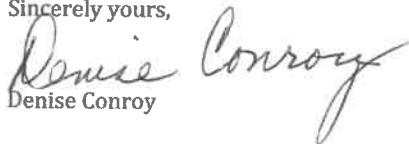
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My fourth point is regarding the economic impact to individuals along the proposed pipeline routes. Residents will lose mature trees and foliage during the construction of the pipeline, as Duke requires up to 80 feet of clearance to construct the pipeline. In addition, Duke will require 30 feet of permanent clearance once the pipeline is installed. Homeowners will be impacted with decreased home values resulting from the removal of trees and landscaping to the property along the pipeline.

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In summary, there are numerous areas of this project that require deeper due diligence and better understanding of the impact on our communities. We ask that the OPSB reject BOTH pipeline routes as submitted in the application documents.

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Robert J. Wight

Margaret F. Wight
87 Carpenters Ridge
Blue Ash, Ohio 45241

March 19, 2019

M. Beth Trombold
PUCO Chair
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Case Number: 16-0253-GA-BTX

Dear Ms. Stevenson,

My name is Margaret Wight and I am a resident of Blue Ash Ohio living at the above address. My property is about 4,400 feet from the proposed Green Route of the Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline.


As the Chairperson of the Ohio Power Siting Board, please make sure that the pipeline Duke is proposing is safe for the surrounding areas of the pipeline. This proposed high-pressured natural gas pipeline puts schools, hospitals, day care centers, places of worships and thousands of homes at risk.

As a public servant, please ask yourself if this pipeline is necessary. Duke already has viable ways to serve the energy needs of our area and the future of our country is moving away from fossil fuels. Even Duke's model for how much gas we need is excessive according to another analysis. It is the duty of the Public Utilities Commission to seek out projections for future gas usage from a non partisan company other than the Duke Energy Corporation.

Certainly as the chair of PUCO, you understand that this proposed pipeline would greatly affect our environment. The construction of this pipeline would involve digging up to 80 feet of clearance, in the front yards of some homes, and the removal of mature trees. Please consider that the environmental impact will permanently affect our area. Once the pipeline is in place, homeowners are not allowed to plant trees or even gardens near the pipeline.

Duke Energy will pass on the cost of this unnecessary pipeline to its consumers. I urge you to consider the safety, environmental impact, cost and if this pipeline is truly necessary. It would be best for the public for the Ohio Power Sitting Board to reject both of the proposed pipeline routes as submitted by Duke Energy's application process.


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Margaret F. Wight

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The proposed pipeline is a definite threat to the safety of myself and many members of my family and friends, and should never be allowed. It is not needed and particularly through such a populated area. I have attended the most recent meeting only to find that representatives from the Citing Board had not attended the previous meeting, so that they could hear our side of the story. Why is that. The alternate route would go right down the middle of a street where many older residents and young children live. The danger of the high pressure pipeline will cause property values to plummet and is right down the street of. A new state of the art K-12 school that would increase be filled with ALL of the towns children, I deplore you to tell Duke to look for less populated farmlands all over our state of Ohio! Sincerely A very concerned tax paying citizen that already pays enough to the powerful Duke company.

Leah Wilson

Cincinnati, Ohio 

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